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SUBJECT: CANADA IMPOSES LICENSING CONTROLS ON EXPORTS OF
OILSEED AND PROTEIN FOR ANIMAL FEED

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE (ITC)
ALASTAIR GILLESPIE ANNOUNCED IN COMMONS JUNE 29 THAT
EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT SAME DATE EXPORT LICENSES WOULD BE
REQUIRED FOR: SOYBEAN, SOYBEAN CAKES, SOYBEAN MEAL,
RAPESEED, RAPESEED CAKE, RAPESEED MEAL, FLAXSEED,
LINSEED CAKE, LINSEED MEAL AND FISHMEAL.

2. GILLESPIE SAID ACTION WAS NECESSARY IN VIEW OF
UNCERTAINTY ARISING FROM U.S. EMBARGO ON EXPORT OF
SOYBEAN, COTTONSEED AND THEIR BY-PRODUCTS ANNOUNCED
JUNE 27. GILLESPIE ALSO SAID "EARLY NEXT WEEK THE
U.S. AUTHORITIES WILL INTRODUCE A SYSTEM OF EXPORT
LICENSING WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT WILL TAKE ACCOUNT OF
THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRADITIONAL U.S. CUSTOMERS SUCH AS
CANADA."

3. IN OUR SUBSEQUENT COVERSATION WITH SENIOR EXPORT
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LICENSING OFFICIAL AT ITC, HE STRESSED THAT

CANADIANS WERE PLACING ABOVE-NAMED ITEMS UNDER EXPORT LICENSING CONTROL AND NOT, REPEAT NOT, EMBARGO. HE SAID GOC IS SURVEYING DOMESTIC AVAILABILITY OF THESE COMMODITIES IN PROCESS OF DETERMINING EXPORT LICENSING GUIDELINES.

4. ACCORDING TO CANADIAN PRESS: (A) GOC ESTIMATES THERE IS THREE TO FOUR-WEEK SUPPLY OF PROTEIN CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR BALANCING ANIMAL AND POULTRY RATIONS IN CANADA; (B) JUST HOW TIGHT SUPPLY SITUATION IS GOING TO BE WILL BE FULLY KNOWN WHEN U.S. ANNOUNCES ITS EXPORT QUOTA ALLOTMENTS NEXT WEEK; (C) IMMEDIATE PROBLEM FOR CANADA FOLLOWING U.S. EMBARGO ARISES FROM HEAVY RELIANCE ON U.S. PROTEIN SUPPLIES FOR ANIMAL AND POULTRY FEEDS; AND (D) IF CANADA DOES NOT RECEIVE A REASONABLY HIGH ALLOTMENT, SITUATION HERE COULD BE CRITICAL.
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